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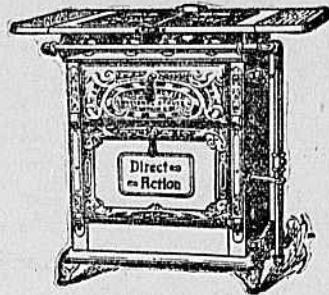
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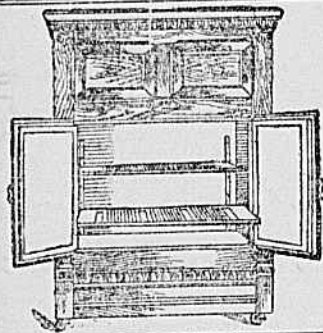
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CHEMISTS' CLUB MEETS

Comment Made on the Gratifying Decrease in Use of
Dangerous Preservatives in Food—New
Law is Commended.

The Virginia Chemists' Club held its monthly meeting in the Mechanics' Institute on Friday night. There was a good attendance and much interest was taken in the papers, all of which were on very practical subjects.

Food Preservatives.

On the subject of "Food Preservatives and Their Detection," Mr. Robb said in part: "The use of preservatives in foods wherever climatic conditions favor decay, is a subject of great importance. The methods most commonly used for preserving foods, by drying and smoking, and with alcohol, sugar, vinegar and salt have long been known. Up to a quarter of a century ago the use of chemical preservatives was practically unknown. It is well to bear in mind that the absence of a chemical preservative in a food product is often an indication of a wholesome food—that is, as far as cleanly methods and efficient management can make it wholesome—while, on the other hand, the presence of such a preservative is generally an indication of careless and inefficient method of preparation. No tasteless food preservative has been discovered which is non-toxic and which does not retard digestion, even when taken in small doses; therefore, in every case where a food has been treated with one or more of these toxic preservatives, it should be so stated, with the name and amount of the added preservative."

"The preservatives most widely used and those with which the chemist has

mostly to deal, are boric acid, benzoic acid, salicylic acid and sulphurous acid." After giving a brief history of each of these preservatives, the methods for their detection were taken up, explained and illustrated. Mr. Robb then went on to indicate the effect of these preservatives on health, concluding by stating that an investigation by Dr. Wiley had shown conclusively that at least three of these chemical preservatives, viz., boric acid, salicylic acid and sulphurous acid, are dangerous and detrimental to health.

A table was then read giving the percentages of a number of food products containing chemical preservatives, found on the market in this State during the past four years. This table showed a very noticeable decrease in the use of preservatives. Especially was this the case with baked beans, which showed a decrease of from 50 per cent. preserved in 1904 to no preservatives found during 1907. Canned corn showed a decrease of from 42 per cent. in 1904 to none in 1907; meats showed a decrease from 10 per cent. to none; jellies showed a decrease from 43 per cent. to 23 per cent., and table sauces from 35 per cent. to 14 per cent.

This decrease speaks well for the pure food law, and should this improvement continue it will be only a matter of time until foods shall be entirely free of these preservatives, a

condition to be welcomed by the people of this Commonwealth.

Other Papers.

The next paper was by Mr. A. Bolenbaugh, on "The Determination of the Alcohol Content in Fruit Extracts," a brief outline of some work done by Mr. Edward Spease and Mr. Bolenbaugh at the Ohio State University last year.

The recognized distillation processes were used with some modification to prevent excessive foaming and bumping, due to high amount of extractive of complex character in fluid extracts. Of the many methods tried, that in which a small amount of calcium oxide or hydroxide was used had the more general application.

Results were on the whole very satisfactory to the writer, and showed a wide variance from calculated values published from time to time.

Mr. W. D. Cooke presented a paper on the "Scientific Enrichment of the Soil."

Reference was made to the ancient method of agriculture, and it was shown that practically within the last fifty years has scientific agriculture developed. Immense benefit has been gained by the application of chemical analysis in determining what vegetation absolutely demanded for its growth, and in discovering substances which would supply those demands.

By the analysis of soils and the proper interpretation of their analysis much of the needs of a soil may be determined. While many elements enter into the composition of a plant there are only four which are ever likely to be deficient in the soil, and which the farmer need add, and which are furnished by phosphoric acid, ammonia, potash and lime.

These materials are found in a more or less concentrated form in minerals and in various waste or secondary products in the manufacturing processes, which, when used singly or judiciously combined, form the commercial fertilizer so widely used at the present time. In order to supply the increasing demand and the diminishing supply of such materials, chemists are constantly striving to discover new materials or to render available substances which are now of no value, which may be of value in aiding plant growth.

Much care, thought and judgment, combined with practical experience, is necessary to determine just what is the best combination of these fertilizing ingredients and the amounts of each to be applied on each of the different crops in order to produce the best results, and the farmer should make all the use possible of all scientific works on this subject.

TELLS OF LONG VOYAGE

Commander Cone Gives Interesting Account of the Florida Trip.

MAGADELANA BAY, MEXICO, April 8. (Via San Diego, Cal., April 11.)—The torpedo boat flotilla of six destroyers, commanded by Lieutenant-Commander Hutch L. Cone, followed the example of the battleship fleet and arrived at Magdalena bay from Acapulco one day ahead of schedule time.

It required three days to make the run from Acapulco at an average speed of fifteen knots. Commander Cone went aboard the flash ship Minnesota at once to make his report to Admiral Thomas. Tall and thin and bearded with the heat of the tropical sun, he looked fully the part of the daring destroyer fighter. Admiral Thomas greeted him in his cabin. "Young man, why are you not in proper uniform?" was one of the first questions the admiral propounded as he surveyed good naturedly the tall officer as the latter stood, cap in hand. Cone was dressed in the service uniform of a lieutenant. He had been promoted to the rank of lieutenant-commander since leaving Hampton Roads. "I have not had a chance to put on the stripes, admiral," he said in reply. "I congratulate you upon your promotion," concluded the admiral as he grasped the officer's hand and shook it warmly. Commander Cone then began the recounting of some of the features of his voyage.

Until arrival here the destroyers had had no glimpse of the battleship since shortly after leaving Punta Arenas, when they separated near the southernmost point of South America. The destroyers taking the inner course through the narrow island channels, the battleships sweeping far out to sea.

"The trip of the six small craft through the Patagonian passage was filled with a host of adventures of feet, ascending some times to almost close over us. We threaded our way through these islands, the other destroyers following the lead of the Whipple as we came along in single column."

"We had as a pilot a lieutenant-commander of the Chilean navy. He steered us through the narrow defiles and over perilous places without the slightest mishap."

"Frequently at night we would come to anchor in a narrow shelf of rock, where there would be barely room enough for all the boats to crowd together on it. These shelves would be but a slender ledge outside of which the bottom dropped off at hundreds of feet, beyond all possible anchorage."

"We went ashore in various places and mingled with the natives. Although the weather seemed cool to us the costumes

of the natives were scant enough. Sometimes they wore nothing at all."

"Now and then we went hunting on shore where hundreds of wild ducks collected. We finally shot away all of our ammunition but until that happened we had all of the fresh meat we required."

Not an untoward incident marred the long trip of the destroyers from Hampton Roads.

Their supply ship, the Arethusa, or "Mother of the destroyers," as she was called, was not able to keep the fast pace set by the black craft and this held them back.

"I want some coal," was one of the first things Commander Cone said to Admiral Thomas. "We just did get in with what we took from the Arethusa at Acapulco. Three of them, including the Whipple, have less than four tons in their bunkers tonight."

Arrangements were immediately concluded by the flagship for providing coal and the destroyers are preparing to go on the ranges and commence target firing to-day.

HILL TO GOVERNORS

Railway Magnate to Discuss Water and Rail Transportation.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—James J. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern railroad, will make one of the leading addresses at the May, on the conservation of natural resources. His subject will be "The Relation of Rail and Water Transportation."

It is understood Mr. Hill's subject will lead him into a discussion of the competitive relations between the railroads and the waterways. Mr. Hill is one of the five distinguished citizens who have been personally invited to attend the conference.

Cleveland, William Jennings Bryan, John Mitchell and Andrew Carnegie. These guests, with the governors of the States, will be entertained by President Roosevelt at a dinner on the evening of May 12. The sessions will begin the following morning. The plan is to hold two sessions a day for five days.

President Roosevelt will open the conference with an address, and he is also expected to preside at each session. The meetings will be held in the "East Room" of the White House. Indications already given will address the subject of inland waterways commission have been invited, and arrangements will also be made for the participation of newspaper and magazine writers. The importance of the conference, and its notable personnel, as well as its non-partisan character, is indicated by the fact that it happens that practically all the possibilities are on the invitation will be there in the capacity as cabinet members. Knox and La Follette are invited as senators. Fairbanks and many other invited invitations because of their position as presiding officers of the two houses of congress. Hughes will be on hand as the governor of New York.

Bryan is one of the five to receive a personal invitation. Johnson has the same standing as Hughes, by virtue of being governor of Minnesota. Judge Gray will attend as a delegate from Delaware.

THE BLUECHER LAUNCHED

Christened by Countess Bluecher, and Prince Henry, April 11.—The armored cruiser, Bluecher was launched to-day at the Imperial navyyard in the presence of Prince Henry, of Prussia, and many high officials of the admiralty. General Baron von der Goltz, commander of the army corps at Koenigsberg, declared the ship christened. Virtually a line of battleship in all except name, this latest addition to the armored navy of the German navy, is built entirely of steel, with a displacement of 15,000 tons. She is the largest German armored cruiser, displaces only 11,900 tons. The estimated cost of construction totals \$6,915,000.

The new vessel, which was planned as an experimental ship, will be alone in her class in respect to size, armament and complement, as during her construction it was decided that the later cruisers will be laid down, of which the "P" is under construction at Blohm and Voess yard at Hamburg, are to displace 20,000 tons and cost between \$9,000,000 and \$10,000,000 and are to be fitted with turbines.

"MAN" CLERK WAS A GIRL

She Kept Her Secret for a Year as Haberdashery Salesman.

CHICAGO, April 11.—Miss Mary Phelan, who disguised as a young man, worked for a year as clerk in a haberdashery store, caused a sensation to-day by announcing her identity. Then she disappeared, and, according to Harry E. Michael, owner of this

store, search for her has been fruitless.

Miss Phelan, who is twenty-one years old, went by the name of Jess Fay. She adopted her disguise, she explained, because she could thus command better wages.

"She made an unusual success of salesmanship," said Mr. Michael, "and valued her services. Although she had a high-pitched voice, we never suspected her secret."

She revealed it first to a young woman with whom she had "kept company" and then told her employer.

SEVEN HUNDRED BLUE JACKETS FOR THE ASIATIC DIVISION.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Seven hundred blue jackets are to be taken from Newport News and Norfolk to the Pacific coast by way of Colon and thence sent to Guam and Manila by an army transport, to replace men on the Asiatic division whose terms are about to expire. The men will be taken to Colon on the cruiser Prairie, arriving there about May 14. They will then be transferred across the isthmus and will take passage on the Buffalo, which will transport them to San Francisco, arriving there not later than June 1.

MILITARY COMMITTEE TO INSPECT SITE OFFERED FOR RANGE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., April 11.—The military committee named by Governor Swanson and composed of General C. C. Vaughan, Adjutant-General Charles J. Anderson, Colonel Charles A. Dempsey, C. S. A., retired, and Colonel Joe Lane Stern, will visit Norfolk on Wednesday to inspect and report on the site offered at the Henric peninsula for a rifle range and camp. The property to the extent of twenty-five acres is offered free of cost.

LYNCHBURG GETS CONTRACTS FOR LOTS OF WATER PIPE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, VA., April 11.—The McWain Pipe Works, of Lynchburg, has just closed a contract for Governor Swanson to supply the city of Lynchburg with water works at Elizabethton, Tenn., which will require \$60,000 worth of pipe, and with Newton, N. C., for another system to use \$50,000 worth of pipe. The two contracts will use four thousand miles of pipe.

The company's plants here and at Radford are working full force.

COL. SALE NOT TO RUN IF YOUNG REMAINS IN

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., April 11.—State Senator W. W. Young, in a statement this afternoon, declares he will not be a candidate for Congress if W. A. Young remains in the race, he being a close personal friend of the latter. He declined to discuss the probability of a deal by which he may become a candidate, Mr. Young retiring.

The Antonio Lannasa Floated.

NORFOLK, April 11.—The Norwegian steamship Antonio Lannasa, which stranded at Hatteras Beach on the North Carolina coast, March 23, was floated to-day and apparently uninjured.

Now proceeding up the coast for Hampton Roads in tow of the wrecking tug by which she was hauled off. The Lannasa, laden with bananas and coconuts, was bound from Jamaica to Baltimore when she went ashore. Considerable of her cargo had to be thrown overboard before she could be floated.

The Topeka Steaming Ship.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The United States steamship Topeka has been designated as receiving ship for prisoners as an auxiliary of the Southern, now serving in that capacity at the Portsmouth, N. H., navyyard.

Financial flurries, so called, often work good to us, because they teach us economy, which is the basis of wealth.

We can save on unnecessary food stuffs which are not only costly in money, but in health.

Grape-Nuts and good cream furnish a wholesome, economical breakfast, and a man is learning that a Grape-Nuts breakfast saves money and makes brains.

It is made of wheat and barley and is a perfectly balanced food.

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Special Easter Millinery Sale All This Week!

Correct style, coupled with a reasonable price, has always been our aim, and will continue to be. This has made our store

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We regret that last week we found it impossible in the rush to wait on all, but with an extra force of salesladies now, we hope to serve you much better.

Just in and go on sale to-morrow, a new lot of Pattern Hats. You must see these at \$2.98, \$3.98 and the extra special at \$4.98.

At \$6.98, \$7.98, \$8.48, \$9.48, \$10.98, \$11.48 and \$12.48 we are showing some very handsome Trimmed Hats.

New lot of Children's Hats go out to-morrow, special for Easter, at 48c, 75c, 98c and \$1.25; all extra values. The "Mexican" Hat at \$1.48 with silk scarf.

Just received a new assortment of the "Merry Widow" Untrimmed Sailors, black and colors, in chip and rough braids, priced at 75c, 98c, \$1.25, \$1.48 and \$1.98. These Hats are hard to get at any price, owing to the great demand for them.

"Merry Widow" Sailors, with gros-grain silk bands, in brown, burnt, white and black; special, 98c.

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ONLY FIGHT OVER OFFICE OF MAYOR

Only Enough Candidates to Fill Seats in Council in Petersburg, With the Lists Closed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

PETERSBURG, VA., April 11.—Two candidates for the majority, six candidates for the Board of Aldermen and twelve for the Council had filed their names and deposited their assessments with Secretary Newson, of the Democratic City Central Committee, when the time limit for such action by candidates for municipal offices, to be voted for at the primary on April 23d, expired at noon to-day. As six Aldermen and twelve Councilmen—half the membership of each body—are to be elected, the only contest is for the majority, the candidates for which are Mayor William M. Jones and Dr. John M. Pleasants. At present the race is considered exceedingly close. There are no new candidates for the Board of Aldermen, and in the Council only two new candidates, Mr. W. B. Davis, of Second Ward, and R. E. L. Hargrave, of Sixth Ward, who are to retire.

Skull Fractured in Fight.

In a fight between Everett Farmer and Nathan Wilson, two white boys about fourteen years old, in the West End about 10 o'clock last night, young Wilson's skull was fractured by a blow with a piece of iron, and he was taken to the Petersburg Hospital, where the surgeons removed several small pieces of skull pressing on the brain. Farmer, who claims the victory, and the latter's brother were chasing him with a knife when he threw the iron, was arrested, and in the Mayor's Court to-day the case was continued to await the result of Wilson's injuries. The wounded boy is a son of Spencer Wilson. Farmer is a son of L. H. Farmer, Officers of Post C.

At a lengthy annual meeting of Post C, Travelers' Protective Association, at the hall of the Chamber of Commerce, last night, all the officers and directors were re-elected as follows: President, T. S. Beckwith; Vice-President, R. E. Lunsford; Secretary and Treasurer, R. W. Pritchard; Chairman of Legislative Committee, H. P. Stratton; Directors, J. H. Bailey, Robert Cahill, E. A. Hartley, J. R. Jolly, H. L. Percival, Chester Shepherd, I. H. Slater. The following delegates were elected to represent Post C at the Virginia Division convention in Roanoke May 22d to 24d: R. W. Price, L. P. Robertson, W. P. Atkinson, P. F. Thweatt, S. M. Green, Jr., R. E. Lunsford, S. W. Hood, F. T. Plummer, S. H. Short, H. L. Percival, R. E. Brunet, T. M. Elsmore, T. S. Beckwith, J. H. T. Baugh, V. C. Baugh, R. H. Martin, J. V. Farham, H. Atkinson, R. A. Martin, Jr., F. M. D'Alton, J. H. Bailey, C. G. Rogers and G. W. Harrison.

A most interesting speech on good roads and kindred subjects was made by Mr. Simon Seward, who has recently returned from a long visit to friends in Florida.

William H. C. Spicer Dead.

Mr. William Henderson Carr Spicer is dead at the home of his niece, the Misses Spicer, on Franklin Street. Mr. Spicer was sixty-four years old and was a brother of the late C. W. Spicer, of this city. He was for many years a well-known resident of Prince George county, but of late had spent much time in this city. He suffered a stroke of paralysis about five months ago, from the effects of which he never recovered. Mr. Spicer was never married and was a member of A. P. Hill Camp of Confederate Veterans, and of the Masonic order.

Mrs. T. P. Barnard.

Mrs. T. P. Barnard died at half past 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at her home, on East Tabb Street. Mrs. Barnard was in the twenty-eighth year of her age, and was a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Hart, of Roanoke, Va. She was a constant member of the First Baptist Church, having removed her membership from Jefferson Street Baptist Church, in Roanoke. Services were held at her home, in this city, at noon to-day by Rev. Dr. W. G. Taylor, pastor of the First Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. Dr. J. S. Foster, pastor of Tabb Street Presbyterian Church. The remains were then sent to the home of Mrs. Barnard's

parents, in Roanoke, where the funeral services will be held to-morrow afternoon at the Jefferson Street Baptist Church.

Sunday Evening Concert

JEFFERSON HOTEL ORCHESTRA.

Part I.

March, "Aurora Borealis"....Baesler

Overture, "Hungarian Lullaby"....Keller-Bela

Idyll, "Apple Blossoms"....Roberts

Lullaby....Baesler

Selection, "Rigoletto"....Verdi

Paraphrase, "Die Lorelei"....Neuwirth

Tone poem, "Sunbeams and Shadows"....Kaiser

Part II.

Selection, "Tannhauser"....Wagner

Sacred song, "The Palm"....Faure

Tone poem, "Wedding Violets"....Baesler

Violin solo....Mr. Henry G. Feick

Tenor solo, "Dreams"....Straniski

Piano solo, "The Rose"....Selected

Soprano solo....Mr. Charles F. Huber

Master David Love

Finale, "Le Prophete"....Meyerbeer

CHANGES IN PARLOR AND SLEEPING CAR SERVICE, R. F. & P. R.

R. F. & P. R. EFFECTIVE SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 1908.

Richmond-Pittsburg sleeping car line, via Washington and B. and O. R. R. will leave Byrd Street Station 8:20 P. M., arrive Byrd Street 9 P. M.

Byrd Street 8:25 A. M. week days and Elba 10:35 A. M. Sundays.

Through parlor car service will be operated daily except Sunday between Richmond and New York via Washington and B. and O. R. R. Leave Byrd Street 12:01 noon, arrive New York 8 P. M.; southward, leave New York 10 A. M., arrive Byrd Street 9 P. M.

Trains arriving Byrd Street 2:45 P. M. week days and Elba 10:35 A. M. Sundays will carry broiler buffet parlor car, Washington to Richmond.

Parlor car for Washington will be attached at Acca to train leaving Main Street Station 6:15 P. M. daily. Passengers will be accommodated through sleeper or coaches from Main Street Station to Acca.

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